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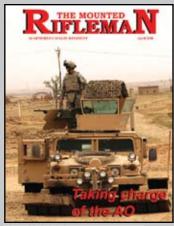
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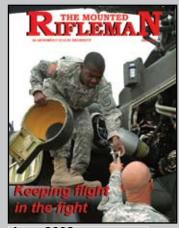
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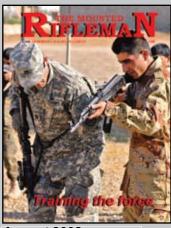
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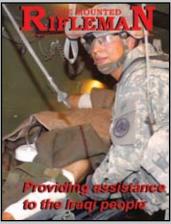
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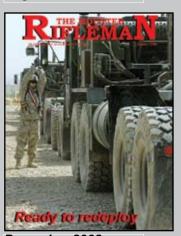
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A message from the 72nd Colonel of the Regiment



Col. Michael Bills and Command Sgt. Maj. William Burns, commander and command sergeant major of the 3d ACR, take a photo at the Marez airfield after a mass reenlistment ceremony in October 2008.

Sgt. Matthew Boyd

roopers and Families of the Regiment, as we come to the end of our very successful and historic combat tour here in Iraq, I want all of you to take a moment and reflect on where we were 30 months ago and how far we have come as a Regimental Team and Family.

In June 2006, we conducted a BRAC directed move from Fort Carson with 430 Troopers and Families and very little equipment, and joined the Regimental Forward Detachment at Fort Hood, Texas. Most of the troops, companies and batteries had fewer than 50 Soldiers and Squadrons were facing the daunting task of standing up their units with new organizational systems.

We built the teams quickly, reflagged 1-1 Aviation to 4/3 ACR, fielded and tested some of the Army's newest equipment, moved crews through several ground and aerial gunneries, conducted troop lanes, CAV Table XIII, and executed one of the best NTC rotations the OCs had seen in years.

We executed a flawless deployment to Iraq, OIF 07-09, and were recognized by Department of the Army, winning the Deployment Excellence Award, beating out every brigade and division size unit in the Army. This deployment to Iraq was performed and executed by the best Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Troopers in the Army.

Upon our arrival in Kuwait we received a FRAGO directing the Regiment to send Sabre Squadron (-) to Diyala Province with the Headquarters and

Headquarters Troop, two Cavalry Troops, and a Howitzer Battery.

Longknife Squadron was sent to Baghdad to support 4th Infantry Division, while King Battery, 1/3 ACR, was sent to FOB Warhorse to support 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

Sabre Squadron was given the largest area in Iraq for a combat unit its size. Its mission was to clear and hold one of the most volatile areas in the country, which included the Iranian border. The Squadron conducted 14,600 patrols and 7 air assaults in Diyala Province.

Sabre rejoined the Regiment in October and immediately started combat operations in south and to the west of the city of Mosul. The Squadron had an immediate impact on insurgent captures and cache finds that were used to influence the fight in Mosul.

Longknife Squadron was responsible for the CAP over Baghdad and later, while supporting 10th Mountain Division, the Iranian border to AL Kut and Tallil. They did this while maintaining an OR rate that was the envy of other aviation units in theater.

The operations completed, the insurgents killed or captured, and the air and ground integration were critical to the success in lessening the violence both inside and on the outer bands of Baghdad.

Longknife flew the highest monthly AH hours of any AH unit in Iraq - 3,040 with an operational readiness rate of 85%. King Battery fired more rounds in support of combat operations than any

Field Artillery unit in the entire history of OIF, just short of 8,000 rounds.

No matter what you were asked to do, you accomplished it in a disciplined, professional, and determined manner expected of Brave Rifles Troopers.

In Ninewa Province we faced a city under siege. Mosul had insurgents embedded in neighborhoods, along with commuter terrorists who traveled from across the province to plan and fight in the city. Ninewa Province was split between three different units; Thunder Squadron from west Mosul to the Syrian border, Eagle Battalion had east Mosul, and Tiger Squadron was responsible for the area south of Mosul along the TRV to the Zaab Triangle.

All units took it to the enemy by conducting 934 company-level operations, more than 27,626 combat patrols, clearing more than 104,379 kilometers of roads, finding and reducing 1,058 IEDs, 37 VBIEDs, discovering 350 cache sites, building or repairing 39 combat out posts, emplacing more than 70 check points to restrict the movement of insurgents in the cities, and building a 35 mile berm around the city of Mosul forcing the enemy to use the 11 major roads that enter and exit Mosul.

We destroyed terrorist cell networks by capturing 3,488 insurgents, killed more than 147 hard core insurgents and reduced the foreign fighter flow into Mosul from the Tigress River Valley and the Syrian border. We reduced the attacks in Ninewa Province from 35-40 a day from December to April to 18-20 a day from May to September, and to the current state of single digit attacks from October to December.

This was an incredible accomplishment and performance by our Troopers, all combat multipliers, and true integration as one team.

We could not have accomplished this without Muleskinner Squadron and the tremendous support they provided over a battle space the size of Maryland. Well over 675 Combat Logistics Patrols with more than 500,000 miles traveled that allowed the momentum and fight to continue against a resilient insurgency.

The statistics demonstrate the readiness and tremendous effort of our Regimental supporters: 1,863,640 gallons of JP8 and 213,409 gallons of MOGAS delivered, 4,892 maintenance job orders completed, and 139,453 Parts Received/Delivered to date.

The combat fleet operational readiness rate of 97% was maintained for more than 14 months, with quick returns of non mission capable vehicles to the warfighter, scout, tanker, or infantryman. This was a

herculean effort by the great Troopers of Muleskinner Squadron as well as all of the Squadron-level support personnel.

As a Regiment, we recruited 35,000 Iraqi Security Forces across Ninewa Province this past year. This bolstered the security forces to more than 70,000 Iraqi Army, Police, and Border Patrol to protect the Iraqi people in the province. You also partnered with the ISF, standing shoulder to shoulder through many combined operations throughout the province. More than 85% of these operations were combined CF and Iraqi. This built confidence in their ability to lead from the front as well as the confidence of the people of Ninewa Province in their abilities to protect them.

As a Regiment, we also played an integral part in assisting the local Iraqi Government with rebuilding its infrastructure and re-establishing its essential services. We have done this through countless troop level, low cost, big impact projects throughout the province. These were bolstered by 117 Iraqi Commanders Emergency Response and Commanders Emergency Response Funds projects totaling more than \$27.34 million. The PRT and CA teams completed or are still working 854 projects totaling \$99,787.00, improving the livelihood of the Iraqi people throughout Ninewa Province.

Tiger Squadron started the first literacy program that became the standard for all of Iraq. Although there is much more work to be done with reconstruction, governance and employment, the Regiment has made a tremendous impact on security and set the conditions for the way ahead.

All these successes have not come without a price, the ultimate sacrifice of 38 Soldiers and 197 Soldiers wounded in action to date. They believed in what they were doing and selflessly offered up everything they had to in order to accomplish the mission and protect their fellow Troopers. Their sacrifices have been woven into the fabric of this great Regiment and Nation. They will never be forgotten.

You need to be very proud of all that you have accomplished the last 14 months. You have made a difference in allowing a transition to occur here in Iraq. Your actions have made a difference in the lives of the Iraqi people, providing the liberty and freedom we take for granted each day.

CSM Burns and I are truly proud to have fought and served with each of you.

Brave Rifles!

Michael A. Bills 72nd Colonel of the Regiment

A message from the XVII CSM of the Regiment



Command Sqt. Maj. William Burns, 3d ACR command sergeant major, places the 3d ACR patch on the sleeve of an ISF soldier. The 3d ACR and ISF worked together during the deployment to help secure the city of Mosul and Ninewa Province.

s we look back at the deployment, you should all be proud of everything you have accomplished.

From the reduction to violent attacks on Coalition Forces, Iraqi Security Forces and the general population to the hundreds of humanitarian mission conducted, you have fought the enemy with tenacity and aggression and have interacted with the residents with care and compassion.

You have performed each mission with professionalism and enthusiasm and have moved this country farther down the path of recovery from war. You beat down the insurgency as soon as you hit the ground and never let them get back on their feet. You helped the population begin to regain their trust and confidence in their security forces with the training and mentorship you provided them.

This has been a tough fight. We have had to establish the momentum neighborhood by neighborhood, village by village. Improvements have come in the same small steps, and while things have not always seemed like they have improved, when you look back at the conditions when we arrived and compared them with how things look now, it is

evident that we have made a difference.

Along with our success, we have also lost too many of our fellow brothers and sisters. Our Fallen Heroes will not be forgotten and their ultimate sacrifice has not been in vain. Their names and pictures are displayed in this yearbook, and we will also print a special publication in memory of these Fallen Heroes back at Fort Hood.

I am proud and honored to have served with you and for you during this deployment. The rich tradition of this great Regiment has been upheld and a new chapter is now complete.

After we arrive back at Fort Hood, we will begin the next chapter in our lives. Some of you will stay with the Regiment, while most will move on to future assignments, PCS or retire. All of us, however, will now have the distinction of serving with one of the Army's most storied units.

You should be proud of your service and what you have done both for our country and for the people of Iraq.

Brave Rifles! RCSM



Photos by Sgt. Matthew Boyd

Colonel Michael Bills, commander, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, and Command Sgt. Maj. William Burns, 3d ACR command sergeant major, uncase the colors during the Transfer of Authority ceremony at Forward Operating Base Marez, Dec. 11, 2007. The 3d ACR took over the Ninewa Province area of operations from the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division. In addition to Ninewa Province, Sabre Squadron conducted operations in Diyala Province for most of the deployment and Longknife Squadron conducted operations at several locations around Baghdad.



On Dec. 11, 2007,
The 3d ACR
uncased its colors
and officially
took over the
Ninewa Province
battlespace.



Spc. John Crosby

Staff Sgt. Josiah Guthland, a combat engineer assigned to Heavy Company, 3rd Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, scales a rooftop wall, moving building to building in Mosul, Iraq, Feb. 21. Heavy Co. is part of 2nd Squadron, 3d ACR, and was attached to 3rd Squadron for this deployment. Guthland is originally assigned to the 43rd Combat Engineer Company, 2nd Squadron, 3d ACR.

REMINGTON









Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Scott Ray pulls security with the 3d ACR commander's PSD during a mission at a Christian monastery in Al Qosh.



Courtesy Photo



Master Sgt. Tim Volkert

Above, Sgt. Christopher Lipe works the grill for Remington Troop Soldiers during a cookout and farewell event at FOB Marez April 4, 2008.

Left, Sgt. Frank Fritz, a mechanic with RHHT, works on an MRAP at the troop's motorpool.

TIGER

1st Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment





Roughrider Troop



Apache Troop



Bandit Troop



CrazyhorseTroop



Dragon Company



King Battery

SABRE

2nd Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment





Rattler Troop



Eagle Troop



Fox Troop



Grim Troop



Heavy Company



Lion Battery



43rd Combat Engineer Company



Courtesy Photo



Courtesy Photo

Above, Then 1st Sgt. James Adcock (right) and Sgt. Robert Gray, both from Grim Troop, 2/3 ACR, pull security at a humanitarian aid mission during Operation Sabre Harvest.

Left, 1st Lt. John Thompson from Fox Troop, 2/3 ACR, delivers water to dismounted Troopers during Operation Sabre Pursuit in the Diyala Province.

THUNDER

3rd Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment





Havoc Troop



IronhawkTroop



Killer Troop



Lightning Troop



Maddog Company



Regulator Battery



66th Military Intelligence Company



Capt. Richard Ybarra

Above, Spc. Alex Evans of Lightning Troop, 3/3 ACR, pulls security in a produce market during a presence patrol in the al-Zeira neighborhood of Mosul April 10, 2008.

Right, Staff Sgt. Thomas Bruhn, a cavalry scout in Killer Troop, 3/3 ACR, shakes hands with an Iraqi boy while walking through the busy Al Dawasa market of Mosul Feb. 9, 2008.





Pfc. Juan Montero (inside the truck) talks with Spc. Michael Smith during a QA/QC inspection of a PLS. Both Soldiers are with HHT. 3/3 ACR. (Courtesy Photo)

LONGKNIFE

4th Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment





Headhunter Troop



Nomad Troop



Outlaw Troop



Pegasus Troop



Renegade Troop



Stetson Troop



Tomahawk Troop



Air Raider Troop



Courtesy Photo

A UH-60 Black Hawk from Longknife Squadron, 3d ACR, hovers behind the cross sabers in Baghdad for a photo. Longknife spent their deployment in Iraq supporting units in and around Baghdad.

MULESKINNER

Regimental Support Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment





Bullwhip Troop



Blacksmith Troop



Scalpel Troop



Packhorse Troop



89th Chemical Company



Courtesy Photo

Spc. Amanda Rogers and another Soldier from Supply and Transportation Troop, RSS, 3d ACR, secures Soldiers' gear on the back of a PLS transporter vehicle. The gear and Soldiers were heading back to FOB Marez after a rotation at a COP in Mosul.

Fighting Eagles

1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment





Spc. John Crosby

Soldiers from Co. D, 1-8 Inf. Regt., stand in the rubble-ridden streets of the al-Sinaa neighborhood of Mosul in the rainy morning hours of April 1, 2008. The Soldiers were conducting an Iraqi Army led clearing operation to rid the neighborhood of car bomb factories and bomb-making materials.



Courtey PHotos

Above, Sgt. Travis Dixon from Co. B, 1-8 Inf. Regt, conducts vehicle maintenance at the unit's motorpool.

Below, Soldiers from HHC, 1-8 Inf. Regt., prepare to launch the aerostat Nov. 5, 2008.



Courtesy Photos

Sgt. Michael Milko gives instructions to Pvt. Brent Rezabek while training him to fire a mounted M2 .50 cal machine gun at the Marez Range April 14. Both Soldiers are with FSC, 1-8 Inf. Regt.

Right, Soldiers from Co. A, 1-8 Inf. Regt., conduct a deliberate clearance in farm fields adjacent to the Tigris River near Mosul, Oct. 20, 2008.





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Saber

6th Squadron, 17th Air Cavalry Regiment





Palehorse Troop



Aces Troop



Blackfoot Troop



Crazyhorse Troop



Dakota Troop



Ironhorse Troop

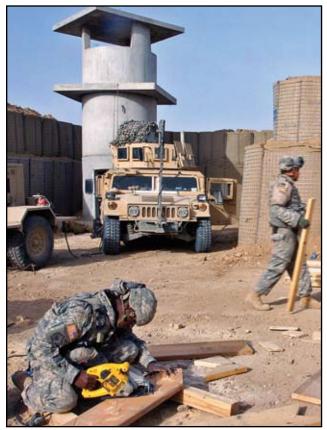


Renegades Troop

94th Engineer Bn.

18th Engineer Brigade





Spc. John Crosby

Above, Soldiers of the 77th Eng. Co. construct Iraqi Combat Outpost Nablis in Mosul March 25, 2008. Soldiers constructed the COP in about five days.

Below, Pvt. Robert Latham, an engineer with the 77th Eng. Co., repairs the Marez Airfield runway July 3, 2008.



Pvt. Adam Blazak



Courtesy Photo

Above, Soldiers of the 232nd Eng. Co. pour concrete during a culvert repair project in Mosul in Jan. 2008.

Below, Soldiers from the 156th Eng. Co., conduct a site survey at the Saint Elijah Monestary on FOB Marez, July 7, 2008. (Courtesy Photo)





Courtesy Photo

Soldiers from the 103rd Eng. Co. work on shoring up the Riyahd Line in July 2008. The Riyahd Line is a berm that encircles the city of Mosul.

Big Dawgs

Bravo Company, 63rd Expeditionary Signal Battalion







Left, Spc. Shameka Curtis and Spc. Charlene White secure data lines for the RTOC in June, 2008. (Courtesy Photo)

Right, Bravo Co., 63rd ESB Soldiers perform generator maintenance and conduct a montly inventory of their equipment in April 2008. (Courtesy Photo)







Courtesy Photo

Above, Sgt. Jon Staveness and other Bravo Co., 63rd ESB Soldiers construct a 30-meter antenna at COP IMN in April 2008.

Left, Sgt. Juan Aramboles, Spc. Curtis McCall and Spc. Shameka Curtis splice fiber cable at the 1-8 Inf. Regt. TOC in July 2008. (Courtesy Photo)



Courtesy Photo

Above, Pfc. Richard Musick, a mechanic with Roughrider Troop, 1/3 ACR, demills a .50 cal barrel in the unit's motorpool.

Below, Spc. Vincent Smithers and Spc. Lionel Williams move an XM982 Excalibur round at FOB Warhorse so it can be fired. The Soldiers are with King Batt., 1/3 ACR. (Courtesy Photo)



Right, Apache Troop Soldiers conduct training with their Iraqi Army counterparts. Apache Troop is part of 1/3 ACR. (Courtesy Photo)





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Sgt. 1st Class Clarence Mckaine conducts a radio check from his dismounted radio before a patrol. McKaine is from Crazyhorse Troop, 1/3 ACR.



Coutesy Photo

Above, Sgt. 1st Class Jens Jensen talks to IPs about TIFF projects in the area. Jensen is from Dragon Co., 1/3 ACR.

Below, Staff Sgt. Brendon Neelyotts of Bandit Troop, 1/3 ACR, spends a moment entertaining Iraqi children while out on mission.





Spc. Eric A Rutherford

1st Lt. Andrew Eagan checks the equipment of his men prior to a patrol in Jurn, Dec. 28, 2007. Eagan and the Soldiers are with Dragon Co., 1/3 ACR.



Sgt. Eric A Rutherford

Above, Bandit Troop Soldiers rehearse before heading out on a raid in Al Hichel, March 27, 2008.

Below, Spc. Darly Joseph, a food service specialist with Roughrider Troop, 1/3 ACR, prepares a Class 1 shipment for a COP.



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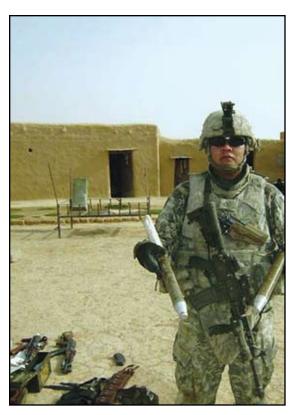
Above, Staff Sgt. Anthony Salard from Crazyhorse Troop, 1/3 ACR, prepares to breech a gate during a raid.

Below, Tiger Squadron Soldiers cross a river during a mission. (Courtesy Photo)











Courtesy Photo

Above, Spc. Robert Votava gives a class on the M109A6 Paladin Breech to Spc. Patrick Gorman and Spc. Thomas Allen while Sgt. Robert Kmet and Sgt. Michael Katsantones supervise. The Soldiers are from King Battery, 1/3 ACR

Left, Pfc. Trinity Begay from Dragon Co., 1/3 ACR, displays weapons found during a cache discovery. (Courtesy Photo)



Sgt. Eric A. Rutherford

Cpl. Alex Plouff provides security with the Iraqi Police during a patrol in the market in Qayyarah Dec. 30, 2007. Plouff is a mortarman with Apache Troop, 1/3 ACR.



Right, A Soldier from Crazyhorse Troop, 1/3 ACR, looks across the Tigris River while providing security during a visit to the ancient city of Ashur, now known as Qalat Shergat, Nov. 21, 2008. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. JoAnn S. Makinano)

Left, A Bandit Troop Soldier fires a mortar round from his M1064A2. (Courtesy Photo)





Courtesy Photo

Grim Troopers keep a watchful eye while interacting with residents near Balad Ruz. Grim Troop is assigned to 2/3 ACR.



Fox Troop, 2/3 ACR Soldiers move forward after entering a known terrorist area via air assault during Operation Sabre Pursuit.



Courtesy Photo

Soldiers from Eagle Troop, 2/3 ACR, search caves for possible enemy caches near the village of Um Al Daban. Eagle Troop was attached to 3/3 ACR during the deployment.



Spc. Kieran Cuddihy

Above, Sgt. 1st Class Jose Medrano, 43rd CEC, 2/3 ACR, patrols an area of the desert just ouside Mosul, Dec. 25, 2007.

Below, A Heavy Company, 2/3 ACR Soldier provides security during a visit to a local market Feb. 9 in Mosul. (Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason Robertson)



Courtesy Photo



CW3 William Thomas

Sgt. Dante Parker and Spc. Jose Casellano of HHT, 2/3 ACR, prepare to install a new engine on a 5KW generator in May 2008.



Courtesy Photo

Above, Sgt. 1st Class Theodore Meyer and Spc. Troy Salmond with Eagle Troop, 2/3 ACR, hand out toys during a humanitarian mission at Rabiyah.



Courtesy Photo

Above, Sgt. Randall Cantrell and Sgt. Andrew Allen from Fox Troop, 2/3 ACR, conduct mounted Bradley operations during Operation Sabre Pursuit.

Below, Grim Troop, 2/3 ACR Soldiers gather together for a mission brief before rolling out of FOB Caldwell in April, 2008. (Courtesy Photo)



Courtesy Photo

Sgt. Brett Zirkle and Staff Sgt. William Martin, work on some paperwork in the Rattler Troop, 2/3 ACR maintenance platoon.

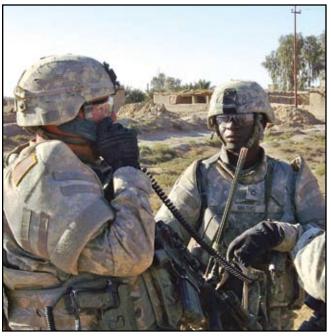




Capt. Richard Ybarra

Above, Staff Sgt. Patrick San Nicolas, a Bradley mechanic, works on a vehicle at 43d CEC's motorpool.







Capt. Richard Ybarra

1st Platoon Soldiers from 43rd CEC, 2/3 ACR, conduct a PCI before heading out on mission at FOB Marez. The 43rd CEC was attached to 3/3 ACR in Mosul during the deployment.



Courtesv Photo

Spc. Aloysius Domme and Spc. Patrick Hampton search for caches along Sinjar Mountain. Both Soldiers are with Eagle Troop, 2/3 ACR.



Courtesy Photo

Lion Battery, 2/3 ACR Trooper, Spc. Bacle Fowler, looks on as locals gather around during a humantarian aid mission.



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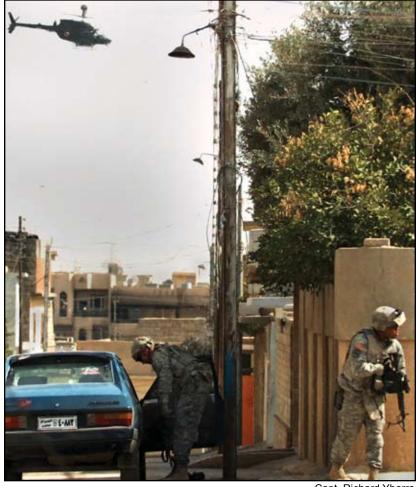
Capt. Kristen Donesec provides medical care to a child during a humanitarian mission after Operation Sabre Pursuit. Donesec and then Spc. Matthew Reed (background) are from Rattler Troop, 2/3 ACR.



Courtesy Photo

Above, Profiles of Troopers from Fox Troop, 2/3 ACR, are projected upon a building during an operation.

Left, Tank Commander Sgt. David Newland of Heavy Co., 2/3 ACR, scans his sector in his M1A2 Abrams Tank in Mosul. Feb. 14.



Capt. Richard Ybarra

Sgt. Amaury Lantigua provides security for Sgt. 1st Class John Guy while he inspects a vehicle in Mosul, March 9, near the al-Rissala market. Both Soldiers are assigned to Heavy Co., 2/3 ACR. The company was attached to 3/3 ACR during the deployment.



Above, Soldiers from

Killer Troop, 3/3 ACR,

Rabiy while it was being constructed Jan. 23, 2008.



Left, Spc. Cameron Beal of Regulator Battery, 3/3 ACR, pulls security as his company commander speaks

Capt. Richard Ybarra



Spc. Michael McMiller from Ironhawk Troop, 3/3 ACR stands in front of the Saddam Mosque in Mosul during a patrol in Mosul.



Above, Spc. Jeffery Nighswander calls back to the company from Minute Range on FOB Marez as Cpl. Bryan Rice enjoys the conversation. Both Soldiers are with the 66th MI Co., 3/3 ACR.

Below, Spc. Joshua Chalker from Maddog Co., 3/3 ACR, drives his M88 to pull a tank engine for services at the unit's motorpool at FOB Sykes. (Courtesy Photo)





Sgt. Patrick Lair

Soldiers from Ironhawk Troop, 3/3 ACR, scan the street from inside a bakery during a patrol in the al-Tahreer neighborhood of Mosul, Jan. 8, 2007.



Above, Soldiers from Havoc Troop, 3/3 ACR, move replacement track at the unit motorpool Jan. 5, 2008. (Photo by Sgt. Patrick Lair)

Right, 1st Lt. Jasmine Walker, executive officer, 66th MI Co., 3/3 ACR, extinguishes a fire during a fire safety class at the fire station on FOB Marez. (Courtesy Photo)





Sgt. Kyle Whalen from Lightning Troop, 3/3/ ACR t

1st Lt. Valton King of Regulator Battery, 3/3 ACR, scans the surrounding rooftops for the source of incoming RPG fire while Staff Sgt. Harry Hafalla completes the detention of a known IED maker in the Tamooz neighborhood of Mosul, Jan 7, 2008. (Photo by Capt. Richard Ybarra)





Above, From left 1st Lt. Valton King, Capt. Bryan Kilbride, Staff Sgt. Joseph Troutman and Spc. Thomas Fick establish an OP. The Soldiers are with Regulator Battery, 3/3 ACR. (Courtesy Photo)

Left, Maddog Soldiers meet with Iraqi residents during a local engagment in their AO. (Courtesy Photo)





Courtesy Photo

alks with a young boy during a patrol in Mosul.





Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Randall White and Spc. Tin Kyaw conduct a dismounted patrol in Muhallabyah. The Soldiers are with Maddog Co., 3/3 ACR.





Courtesy Photo

Above, Ironhawk Troop Soldiers conduct a patrol in Mosul.

Below, Havoc Troop 3/3 ACR Soldiers assemble traffic impediments at an IP checkpoint in the Abu Nouri area of Mosul, Feb. 12, 2008. (Photo by Sgt. Patrick Lair)





Capt. Richard Ybarra

Above, Pfc. Anthony Humphries breaches a door while Pfc. Jared Bottoff prepares to enter the building in Mosul, April 10, 2008. The Soldiers are with Lightning Troop, 3/3 ACR.

Left, Spc. Carlos Rivera, from Killer Troop, 3/3 ACR, pulls security while patrolling through the Al Dawasa market in Mosul Feb. 9. (Courtesy Photo)

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Courtesy Photo

Soldiers from Renegade Troop, 4/3 ACR, set up a jump FARP at Camp Taji.





Courtesy Photo

Sgt. Mark Stevens (left) and Spc. Jason Kuykendall examine a Hellfire Missile Launcher that arrived for repairs. Both Soldiers are with Air Raider Troop, 4/3 ACR.



CW3 James Lopresti of Outlaw Troop, 4/3 ACR, prepares for a mission. (Courtesy Photo)



Courtesy Photo

Spc. Christina Vanhelden with Stetson Troop, 4/3 ACR, conducts CCI on an aircraft Nov. 17, 2008.



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Derrick Colgan and Sgt. Jarmar Hooks from Nomad Troop, 4/3 ACR, prepare a backup AH-64D for flight.



Sgt. Brandon Little

Pfc. Jemario Laurie reassembles a portion of an AH-64 Apache Longbow after replacing a transmission April 7. Laurie is with Tomahawk Troop, 4/3 ACR.



Courtesy Photo

Above, Spc. Brian Smith with Nomad Troop, 4/3 ACR, checks the tail rotor of a AH-64D Apache.

Top right, (From left) Sgt. Raymond Meredith Spc. Antonio Ramirez and Sgt. 1st Class Tuan Hoang from Tomahawk Troop, 4/3 ACR, build a wire harness for a main transmission on an AH-64D Longbow.



Courtesy Photo

Spc. Richard Washington with Stetson Troop, 4/3 ACR, conducts a Corrosion Control Inspection on a unit aircraft.



Courtesy Photo

Sgt. Mark Robsell, Spc. Dane Wolfe and Spc. Marvin Pedro repain a generator. The Soldiers are with Renegade Troop, 4/3 ACR.



Courtesy Photo



Courtesy Photo

Sgt. Jason Rutherford and Spc. James Shook test the Tactical Sattelite Radio prior to a DART operation. Staff Sgt. Dustin Hughes (foreground) awaits further details. The Soldiers are with Air Raider Troop, 4/3 ACR.



Sgt. 1st Class Chris Seaton

Sgt. Andrew Erford with Headhunter Troop, 4/3 ACR, and other NCOs provided Soliders the opportunity to improve their technical aptitude scores with functional academic skills test classes and exams.



Courtesy Photo

Cpl. James Andrus is "rescued" from an aircraft during training conducted by a QRF. Andrus is with Pegasus Troop, 4/3 ACR.



Courtesy Photo



Above, Sgt. Jarmar Hooks and Spc. Sherman Henry with Nomad Troop, 4/3 ACR, work on the rotor system of the AH-64D Apache helicopter.

Left, Cpl. James Andrus teaches a QRF member how to extract a pilot from an aircraft. Andrus is from Pegasus Troop, 4/3 ACR.



Courtesy Photo

Spc. Joshua Neeley carries a Mark 66, 2.75 inch rocket to prepare for the next AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopter that comes to the FARP. Neeley is with Air Raider Troop, 4/3 ACR.



Capt. James Brant, Capt. Jonathan Romaniski, Sgt. 1st Class Alonzo Fielder and Sgt. Sean Harmon with Pegasus Troop, 4/3 ACR, conduct change of command inventory.

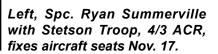


Soldiers with Longknife Squadron, 3d ACR, work on a AH-64D Apache Longbow helicopter.



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Above, Spc. Myisha Treadwell with Renegade Troop, 4/3 ACR, prepares to refuel a MEDIVAC UH-60.



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Spc. Anapaula Chachian, NBC orderly room clerk with Med Troop, RSS, 3d ACR, writes down readings from the wet bulb outside the aid station on FOB Marez.



Sgt. 1st Class Jaime Martinez of the 89th Chem. Co., RSS, 3d ACR, works in his office. The 89th Chem. Co. primary mission was running the detention center during the deployment. (Courtesy Photo)



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Then Spc. Alaciel Gomez of Maint. Troop, RSS and Spc. Amber Estrada of RHHT, 3d ACR, PMCS a generator in the Maint. Troop motorpool.



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Above, Staff Sgt. Michael Briggs and other S&T Troop, RSS, 3d ACR Soldiers load humvees onto a HETT trailer for backhaul from **COP Zaytun in July** 2008.



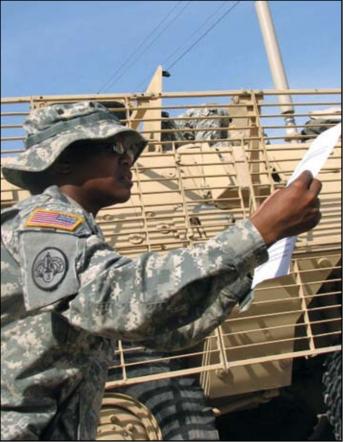
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Then Sgt. James Rowe and Sgt. Jane Okoronkwo from HHT, RSS, 3d ACR, review the shot group during one of the troop's ranges on FOB Marez.



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1st Lt. Douglas Kennedy briefs a DVART team July 27, 2008 before a mission. The Soldiers are with Maint. Troop, RSS, 3d ACR.



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sgt. Natasha Taylor of the 89th Chem. Co., RSS, 3d ACR, conducts PCIs prior to CBRN exercise on FOB Marez in September 2008.



Sgt. Jose Castro takes his APFT while Staff Sgt. Brian Dewitt holds his feet and Sgt. 1st Class Leon Brice grades. All Soldiers are with HHT, RSS, 3d ACR. (Courtesy Photo)



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Capt. Erin Drifmeyer, a doctor with Med Troop, RSS, 3d ACR, provides medical care to an Iraqi woman during a combined medical engagement in AI Abra March 10, 2008. (Courtesy Photo)



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Sgt. Genevieve Moeai with Maint. Troop, RSS, 3d ACR, installs the improved gunner's restraint in an MRAP in Octboer 2008.



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Spc. Calvin Colon with S&T Troop, RSS, 3d ACR, loads the Common Remotely Operated Weapon Station (CROWS) atop an M1114 prior to a mission.

Left, Staff Sgt. Elbert Burns and Spc. Stephen Powell with S&T Troop, RSS, 3d ACR, chain down a HET trailer tire in preparation to backhaul a Bradley from FOB Sykes to FOB Marez in October 2008.

Med Troop, RSS, 3d ACR Soldiers Spc. Heather Yates, Spc. Esther Villarreal, Sgt. Mark Ransom, Sgt. Linsey McCray, Staff Sgt. Sangiam Khidsukhum, and Staff Sgt. Monty McGowan conduct ambulance platoon training with the MEDEVAC pilots Nov. 7, 2008.



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Staff Sgt. Sequenia Billue with HHT, RSS, 3dACR, is one of many Soldiers who work in the S-1 sections and ensured the regiment's Soldiers' pay and personnel issues were squared away during the deployment.



Courtesy Photo

Above, Capt. Michael Hatcher, a dentist with Med Troop, RSS, 3d ACR, provides dental care to Maj. Gen. Mark Hertling, 1st AD commander, Sept. 3, 2008.

Left, Spc. Trevor Owen with S&T Troop, RSS, 3d ACR, configures a HET to backhaul an Abrams tank at COP Nepsa in June 2008.



Courtesy Photo Above, 89th Chem. Co., RSS, 3d ACR Soldiers conduct Fixed Site Decontamination during a CBRN defense exercise in September 2008 on FOB Marez.



Sgt. Robert Boehler with Maintenance Troop, RSS, 3d ACR, takes an oil sample for analysis from a tracked vehicle. The process is part of the regular services conducted to ensure the vehicle is running propely. (Courtesy Photo)

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Above, Spc. Gabriel Pittman, a medic with HHC, 1-8 Inf. Regt., provides aid to an injured Iraqi citizen in Mosul.

Right, Spc. Damon GrayEagle with Co. D, 1-8 Inf. Regt., moves up the stairs of an Iraqi mechanics shop during a clearing operation in Mosul, April 1, 2008.



Courtesy Photo

Soldiers from Co. C, 1-8 Inf. Regt., pull security while waiting for a homeowner to open the gate. The Soldiers were conducting a selective clearance mission in Mosul.



Left, Co. E, 1-8 Inf. Regt. Soldiers celebrate their final rotation at COP Rock with a barbeque Oct. 26, 2008. (Courtesy Photo)

Spc. Michael Brothers and Pfc. Joshua Holzer from FSC, 1-8 Inf. Regt., repair an M88 at their motropool on FOB Marez July 10, 2008. (Courtesy Photo)



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Soldiers from Co. B, 1-8 Inf. Regt., conduct a cache search in east Mosul.



Courtesy Photo

Above, Alpha Co., 1-8 Inf. Regt. Soldiers go through an inspection and briefing before going on a patrol in Mosul in January 2008.

Below, Staff Sgt. Larry McCracken from Co. E, 1-8 Inf. Regt., pulls security after a VBIED attack on an IA Checkpoint in May 2008. (Courtesy Photo)





Capt. Richard Ybarra

Sgt. Ian Mcpherson of Co. A 1-8 Inf. Regt., pries open a door in an abandoned shop during a raid in east Mosul March 24, 2008.



Above, A Soldier from Co. C, 1-8 Inf. Regt. hands out toys and supplies to Iraqi children in Mosul for the EID AL FITR celebration in September 2008 (Courtesy Photo)

Right, Sgt. 1st Class Steven Sevilla prepares AMRs for submission. Sevilla is with HHC, 1-8 Inf. Regt. (Courtesy Photo)





Top, Spc. Mark Ramirez and other Soldiers from Co. B, 1-8 Inf. Regt., pull security at a playground build in the Fasiliya neighborhood of Mosul in May 2008. (Courtesy Photo)

Above, Sgt. Joshua Tonn welds a drop arm gate at COP Rock May 7, 2008. Tonn is with FSC, 1-8 Inf. Regt. (Courtesy Photo)



Above, Soldiers from Co. E, 1-8 Inf Regt., enter and clear a courtyard during a selective clearance in Mosul in June 2008. (Courtesy Photo)

Left, Pfc. Adam Devries with Co. D, 1-8 Inf. Regt., patrols the streets of Mosul, April 1, 2008, with other members of his company.

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Above, Sgt. Michael Slattery of H Troop, 4-6 Air Cav. Regt., pressure washes a panel of an OH-58 Kiowa at LSA Diamondback in Mosul, April 6, 2008.

Right, Sgt. Joshua Sullivan of H Troop, 4-6 Air Cav. Regt., performs a maintenance check on a Kiowa at LSA Diamondback in Mosul in April 2008.

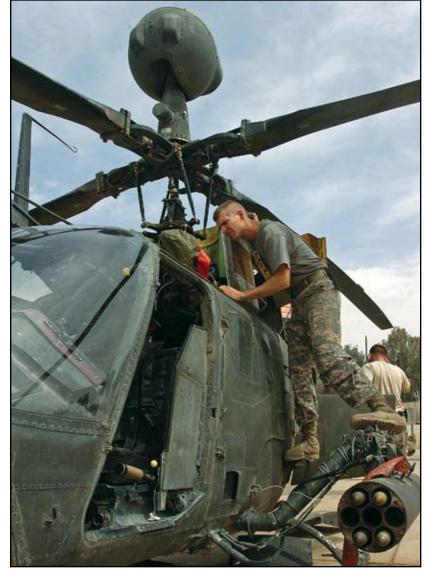


Sgt. Eric A. Rutherford

Above, Staff Sgt. Clint Lopez inspects the mast of an OH-58D Kiowa helicopter after its installation at LSA Diamondback in Mosul April 7, 2008. Lopez is a with E Troop, 4-6 Air Cav. Regt.



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Above, Chief Warrant Officer Tom Boise conducts preflight checks on his OH-58 Kiowa helicopter at LSA Diamondback before a mission over Mosul. Boise is a pilot with 4-6 Air Cav. Regt.

Left, An OH-58 Kiowa helicopter returns to the FARP at LSA Diamondback in Mosul from a patrol over Mosul. The FARP was run by Troop G, 4-6 Air Cav. Regt. until they redeployed in August 2008.



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Pilots from Bravo Troop, 6-17 Cavalry Regiment, fly an American flag over Mosul in 2008.



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Far right, Capt. Brendan Taylor, commander, C Troop, 6-17 Cav. Regt., performs a preflight inspection before going out on a mission over Mosul in October 2008.

Right, Spc. Joel Huddleston (left) and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Foster await their flight to Tall Afar to begin their deployment. The Saber Soldiers made the journey to Iraq on Aug. 6, 2008.

Left, Capt. Kevin Riley of C Troop, and 1st Lt. Michelle Vu, of A Troop, 6-17 Cav. Regt., conduct post flight inspections at LSA Diamondback in Mosul, Oct. 10, 2008.

Right, Pfc. Clayton Carroll, and Pfc. Nathan Bloom conduct a uniball friction test on a OH-58D Kiowa on LSA Diamondback, Oct. 10, 2008. Both Soldies are with X Troop, 6-17 Cav. Regt.



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Spc. Kieran Cuddihy

Maj. Frank Acosta, attached to the 2nd Division MiTT, patrols through a neighborhood of Mosul Dec. 1, 2007.



Sgt. Patrick Lair

Sgt. Daniel Fulton and MP K-9, Bronco, of the 148th MP Detach. from Fort Carson, Colo., accompany IA soldiers and the 3d ACR on a foot patrol through the al-Tahreer neighborhood of Mosul Jan. 8, 2008.



Sgt. Patrick Lair

Above, Maj. Chad Arcand from the 3-5-2 MiTT, greets a group of children during a reconnaissance mission in the neighborhood of Al Wada, Mosul, Aug. 22, 2008.



Spc. John Crosby

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Motter, one of the classroom instructors at the Iraqi Border Police Leaders Academy at COP Heider, trains Iraqi border police Aug. 26, 2008.



Courtesy Photo

Soldiers gather toghether before heading out on a mission.



Staff Sgt. Jason Robertson

A Soldier from a MiTT rushes to the scene of a VBIED explosion to treat injured Iraqi civilians March 6, 2008, in Mosul.



Spc. Kieran Cuddihy

Sgt. Sam Talley with Tactical PSYOP Detach. 1400, plays soccer with local children during a patrol in Mosul, Jan.4, 2008.



Sgt. Patrick Lair

A 552nd MP Co. Soldier assists the IPs as they train with their 9 mm pistols at a firing range in Mosul, Feb. 17, 2008.



Sgt. Patrick Lair

Sgt. Angela Mathern and her bomb-sniffing dog inspect a cart carrying tanks in Mosul while searching for weapons and explosives, Feb. 14, 2008. Mathern is with the 51st MP Detach.



Pfc. Sarah De Boise

Staff Sgt. Jon Anderstrom from Co. C, 415th CA Bn., mingles with Iraqi children while meeting with shop owners at Cedar Market in Mosul, Sept. 21, 2008.



A Soldier from the 103rd Eng. Co, 94th Eng. Bn., guides a HYEX as it digs out material for at a Qayarrah River crossing. (Courtesy Photo)





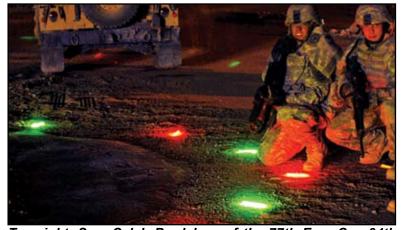
Spc. George White (left) and Sgt. Paul Ferguson of the 77th Eng. Co., 94th Eng. Bn., prepare to install wiring at a COP in Mosul.





Top, left, Soldiers from the maintenance platoon, 103rd Eng. Co., 94th Eng. Bn., haul a floor jack across the gravel of their motorpool. (Courtesy Photo)

Sgt. Nicholas Egbert cuts a piece of wood for a 77th Eng. Co., 94th Eng. Bn., SEAHut construction project in Mosul. (Courtesy Photo)



Top right, Spc. Caleb Bradshaw of the 77th Eng. Co., 94th Eng. Bn., jackhammers a section of road during a crater repair mission. (Courtesy Photo)

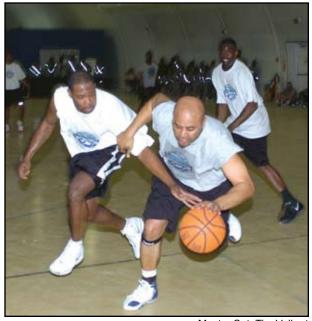
Above 83rd Eng. Co., 94th Eng. Bn., Soldiers take a knee after completing a crater repair project. (Courtesy Photo)

Brave Rifles unwind, celebrate diversity with special events



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From left, Spc. Philip Brauer and Staff Sgt. Kenny Smith, both from Maintenance Troop, RSS, 3d ACR, perform during an Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebration event, May 30, 2008, at the dining facility on FOB Marez.



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Above, country singer Darryl Worley performs for Soldiers at FOB Marez Dec. 17, 2007, as part of the annual Sgt. Maj. of the Army's Hope and Freedom Tour.

Left, Soldiers compete during a basketball game at FOB Marez March 15. Throughout the year, Soldiers were able to participate in a variety of sports from basketball to wrestling.



Pfc. Adam Blazak

Above, Pfc. Anthony S. Shipley from the 94th Engineer Battalion, shares the stage with Generation Beautiful's lead singer, Shelby Goff, during a concert at FOB Marez Aug. 14, 2008.

Right, Company B, 63rd Expeditionary Signal Battalion defenders 1st Lt. Jacob Lawrence (center) and Sgt. Cory Wigfall (right) chase down Company A, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment's Sqt. Shaun Jaques during the flag football championship game at FOB Marez Aug. 25. The Signal Soldiers won the title with a 26-20 overtime victory.



Staff Sgt. Kyle J. Richardson

Runners leave the starting line of the four mile race held in remebrance of the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S.



Master Sgt. Tim Volkert



Col. Michael Bills, 3d ACR commander, serves roast beef to Pfc. Elizabeth Rommel of S&T Troop, RSS, 3d ACR, during the Thanksgiving meal on FOB Marez Nov. 27, 2008.



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Trace Adkins performed for several hundred Soldiers during a USO Tour Sept. 21, 2008 at FOB Marez.



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Grim Troopers take a break to play some poker. Grim Troop is part of Sabre Sqdrn., 3d ACR.



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Above, Spc. Steven Joyner (right) and Spc. Nicholas Croka, UH-60 Black Hawk maintainers in Tomahawk Troop, 4/3 ACR, take a quick break from fixing aircraft in April, 2008 at Camp Taji.



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Above, Spc. Shariffa Yu sits on a throne at Saddam's palace in November 2008. Yu was in Baghdad for an immigration ceremony.



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Above, Two Soldiers from Lion Battery, 2/3 ACR, catch a quick nap.

Left, Spc. Esteban Romero and 2nd Lt. Jeffrey Freeman, both with Apache Troop, 1/3 ACR, pose for a photo on an old motorcycle during a patrol.



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Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Montgomery of RHHT, 3d ACR, gets ready to bench press. Montgomery was one of 10 Soldiers to bench press at least 300 pounds during the 3d ACR's inaugural 300 lb. Bench Press Club event June 21, 2008, at FOB Marez.



SPC Christine Ndrurui AVIM Troop, 4/3 ACR Nov. 6, 2007



SFC Jonathan Lowery Howitzer Battery, 3/3 ACR Dec. 14, 2007



1LT Jeremy Ray King Battery, 1/3 ACR Dec. 20, 2007



CPT Rowdy Inman Ironhawk Troop, 3/3 ACR Dec. 26, 2007



SGT Benjamin Portell Howitzer Btry., 3/3 ACR Dec. 26, 2007



PFC Keith Lloyd Roughrider Troop, 1/3 ACR Jan. 12, 2008



SSG Justin Whiting 5th SFG (Airborne) Jan. 19, 2008



SSG Gary Jeffries Co. B, 1-8 INF Jan. 28, 2008



SGT James Craig Co. B, 1-8 INF Jan. 28, 2008



CPL Evan Marshall Co. B, 1-8 INF Jan. 28, 2008



SPC Brandon Meyer Co. B, 1-8 INF Jan. 28, 2008



PFC Joshua Young Co. B, 1-8 INF Jan. 28, 2008



SGT Corey Spates Grim Troop, 2/3 ACR Feb. 10, 2008



SSG Bryant Mackey Lightning Troop, 3/3 ACR Feb. 20, 2008



CPT Torre Mallard Fox Troop, 2/3 ACR March 10, 2008



SGT Phillip Anderson Fox Troop, 2/3 ACR March 10, 2008



SPC Donald Burkett Fox Troop, 2/3 ACR March 10, 2008



SGT Gregory Unruh Fox Troop, 2/3 ACR March 19, 2008



SPC Matthew Morris Lion Battery, 2/3 ACR, April 6, 2008



CPT Ulises Burgos-Cruz MiTT 0511 attached to 2/3 ACR April 6, 2008



SSG Chad Caldwell Killer Troop, 3/3 ACR April 30, 2008



SPC Alex Gonzalez 43rd Combat Engineer Company, 2/3 ACR May 6, 2008



SGT Alejandro Dominguez Apache Troop, 1/3 ACR June 24, 2008



SPC Joel Taylor Apache Troop, 1/3 ACR June 24, 2008



SPC James Yohn Apache Troop, 1/3 ACR June 24, 2008



SPC Andre Mitchell HHT, Troop, 2/3 ACR July 31, 2008



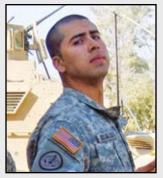
SPC Jorge Feliznieve HHT, 3/3 ACR Aug. 28, 2008



CPT Michael Medders HHT, 2/3 ACR Sept. 24, 2008



SGT Michael Clark Co. A, 1-8 INF Oct. 7, 2008



SGT Jose Regalado Killer Troop, 3/3 ACR Nov. 12, 2008



SPC Corey M. Shea Killer Troop, 3/3 ACR Nov. 12, 2008



CW3 Donald V. Clark Troop X 6-17 Cav Nov. 15, 2008



CW2 Christian P. Humprheys Troop X 6-17 Cav Nov. 15, 2008



SFC Miguel A. Wilson Eagle Troop, 2/3 ACR Nov. 21, 2008



MSG Anthony Davis 2-11-3 MiTT, Nov. 25, 2008



CPT Warren Frank 5th ANGLICO, MNF-W, Nov. 25, 2008



SGT Solomon T. Sam 523rd Eng. Co., 84th Eng. Bn. Dec. 4, 2008



SGT John J. Savage 103rd Eng. Co., 94th Eng. Bn. Dec.4, 2008



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Pfc. Christopher Hays of Ironhawk Troop, 3/3 ACR, pays tribute to Capt. Rowdy Inman and Sgt. Benjamin Portell from 3/3 ACR during a memorial ceremony Jan. 3, 2008. The 3d ACR and attached units lost 38 Soldiers during the deployment.

